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# **MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL**

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Subj: MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL

1. PURPOSE. This manual establishes Coast Guard policy and detailed instructions for the administration of the military decorations and awards program of the Coast Guard.
2. ACTION. This manual applies to all Coast Guard units and personnel assigned. Area and District Commanders, Commanders of Maintenance and Logistics Commands, Commanding Officers of Headquarters units, Assistant Commandants for Directorates, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure widest dissemination of this manual. No paper distribution will be made of this manual. Further distribution via the Internet is authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25B is cancelled.
4. SUMMARY. This manual updates standards, and incorporates policy changes that have been announced previously via ALCOAST to the field, in addition to unpublished clarifications, and edits. The manual also has been reorganized to eliminate all criteria for operations and awards prior to the Vietnam War, by placing the dates and names of the operations in the historical section. We have also removed the Auxiliary awards criteria due to the Auxiliary having a separate Awards Manual, thus eliminating repetition.
5. DISCUSSION. This manual is written in the permissive form; meaning, it describes medals and awards that are authorized, when they were authorized, and the manner of wear. No deviation from the guidance of this manual is authorized, except as otherwise noted.

  
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